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- **TUESDAY TELEGRAPH** -

News from the Office of Early Childhood Education at the DOE

Attention K-3 Teachers, Principals, Superintendents, Community Leaders and all Early Learning Stakeholders: Your input and feedback is important to the construction of an Early Childhood Strategic Plan for New Hampshire - SURVEY DEADLINE - April 5th

Spark NH - The New Hampshire Early Childhood Advisory Council is facilitating the creation of a comprehensive, coordinated strategic plan for early childhood in New Hampshire. **This plan will be focused on expectant parents, children from birth through grade three, and their families.** We're inviting you to contribute your ideas to the Early Childhood System in New Hampshire that will provide accessible, high quality and sustainable services for all families with young children.

Spark NH gathered 22 strategic state plans that relate to early childhood from across the state. We sorted the content and activities in these plans by **7 function areas (Governance and Leadership, Data Systems, Public Awareness, Professional Development, Policy and Planning, Quality, and Funding)**. For each function, we gathered common major activities. As an important early childhood stakeholder, please review these activities to see if what we've done looks complete or if important pieces are missing.

For your convenience, a [video](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTkJ4zZhjWw) (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTkJ4zZhjWw>) explaining the strategic planning process (just under 5 minutes) will orient you to the work. The [survey](https://unc.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_d0fShEAKdJOdxtP) (https://unc.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_d0fShEAKdJOdxtP) with questions about the major activities in the plan will take less than 15 minutes to complete. Use the links included here, paste the address in your browser, or use the Spark NH website to access the video and survey: www.sparknh.com, on the homepage, under the heading "Give Input on State EC plan," where we also post these links. **Please complete the survey by April 5. The survey portal will close Friday, April 5th at the end of the business day.**

Please forward this telegraph or links to others who may be interested in providing feedback. Thank you!

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